

Kieran and Co Solicitors.
Standard Policy and Rates for Private Fee Paying Clients.
Road Traffic Cases

The following details set out this firm's Policy and Rates in relation to Legal Representation in road traffic cases in Magistrates Courts.

- 1) To represent on a guilty plea on a non imprisonable Road Traffic Offence Case including a speeding case where the client is not considered at risk of totting disqualification or disqualification for the offence itself:
 - i) For representation at one hearing = £250 + Vat.
 - ii) For representation at any further hearing required = £175 + VAT each

- 2) For representation on guilty pleas in speeding cases where the client is considered to be at risk of totting disqualification or disqualification for the offence itself:
 - i) For representation at one hearing (if this hearing includes any necessary "exceptional hardship" argument) £500 for VAT
 - ii) For representation at any further hearing eg. Adjourned "exceptional hardship" argument £250 + VAT

- 3) To represent in guilty pleas to alcohol related road traffic offences such as driving with excess alcohol, being drunk in charge of a vehicle or failing to provide a specimen where the client is not considered to be at risk of imprisonment.
 - i) For representation at 1 hearing £250+ Vat.
 - ii) For any further hearings £175 + VAT each

- 4) To represent in guilty pleas to alcohol related Road Traffic Cases to include "special reasons" argument against disqualification
 - i) For representation at one hearing £500 + VAT.
 - ii) For representation at further hearings £175 + VAT each.

- 5) To represent in guilty pleas to alcohol related or other Road Traffic Offence Cases where the client is considered to be at risk of imprisonment:
 - i) For representation at one hearing £500 + VAT.
 - ii) For representation at further hearings £175 + VAT each

- 6) To represent in Road Traffic Offence cases of any nature where the client intends or has pleaded not guilty for all work undertaken before the Magistrates Court the client will be charged an hourly rate of £150 + VAT which will cover all time spent in preparation attendance and advocacy. There will be no separate charge for letters and telephone calls. These will be charged on a time basis of 6 minutes for routine calls and letters and on actual time spent for advice/discussion calls or letters.
- 7) No work will be undertaken by the firm without the client providing sufficient funds in advance

The fee earner will assess the case based on their experience and will provide the client with an estimate of the total hours likely to be involved in preparation attendance and advocacy. The fee earner will request sufficient funds at the outset to cover at least half the time estimate given.

In advance of the time in question being spent as covered by such funds the fee earner will present an interim note of charges to the client and request further funds for the remainder of the total time estimate and the client will provide sufficient funds in advance of any further work being carried out.

Should the client's case go to Trial then prior to that hearing the fee earner will request sufficient funds based on the time estimate for the Trial and the client must provide such funds otherwise the fee earner will not conduct the clients defence at Trial.

- 8) Should a client fail to meet payment requests in accordance with the firms charging policy then the fee earner will withdraw from the case and notify the Court and other parties accordingly.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The legal regulations relating to money laundering require clients providing funds on a private fee paying basis to be able to show two forms of identification (eg. Passport, driving license, bankers card or other photo identification) and will also be required to explain the source of the funds.

Should a client not be prepared to provide the above proof of identification and information the firm will not accept the funds and therefore will not deal with the case.

The Policy and rates details set out above are those applicable as at 1st December 2018 and are subject to future revision.